

WASHINGTON D.C. – Oversight and Government Reform Committee Ranking Member Darrell Issa today praised the decision by a Penn State University panel to recommend moving beyond an internal inquiry into allegations of improper professional conduct by climategate scientist Michael Mann and move into the investigatory phase on charges that Mann "engaged in, directly or indirectly, any actions that seriously deviated from accepted practices within the academic community for proposing, conducting or reporting research or other scholarly activities." Mann was a key contributor to the science the Obama Administration EPA has cited in issuing a climate change "endangerment finding" and to push for Cap & Trade energy tax legislation.

Said Rep. Issa following the Penn State announcement:

"Penn State University deserves credit for advancing a very serious investigation into corrupted science by someone who put a political agenda ahead of science and fact in an effort to manipulate discussion and suppress dissenting views on climate change.

"The Obama Administration, however, is still ignoring clear warning signs from the scientific community and moving forward with job-killing climate change policies made possible by suppression of dissenting views. The Obama Administration's failure to launch its own investigation into this wrongdoing is a telling sign that the integrity of science has little impact on a climate change process that was predetermined from the day President Obama took office.

"Until this investigation is completed, the National Science Foundation should immediately freeze all grants and funding, including the \$541,184 stimulus grant to Professor Mann. Taxpayers should not be paying for propaganda masquerading as science."

Click here for Penn State's statement on the newly released inquiry report: <http://live.psu.edu/story/44327>

Click here for the report which recommends that an investigation move forward: http://www.research.psu.edu/orp/Findings_Mann_Inquiry.pdf

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